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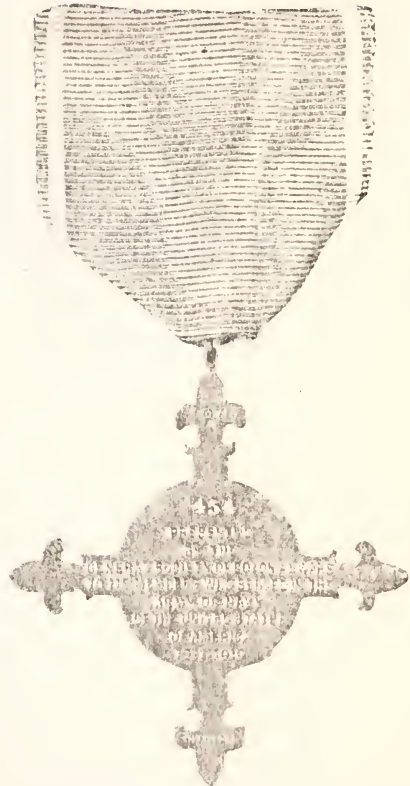
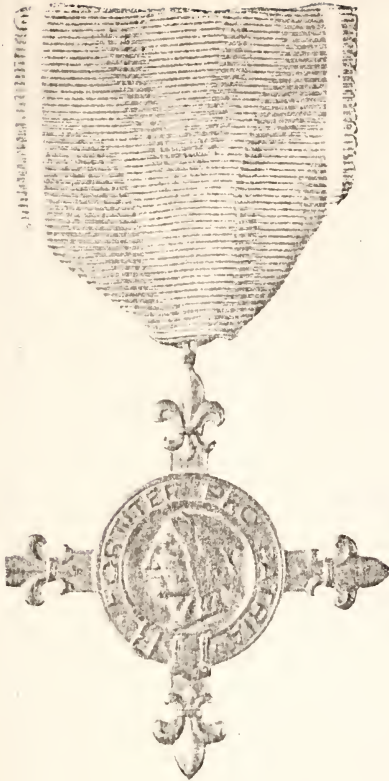
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FOREWORD

The Historian General respectfully submits a report of the activities of the State Societies of Colonial Wars that go to make up the General Society of Colonial Wars. This report is intended to cover the period between June 15, 1918, the date of the adjournment of the Eighth General Assembly at Philadelphia, Pa., and June 4, 1921, the date of the adjournment of the Ninth General Assembly at Cincinnati, Ohio. The figures relating to the membership of the various Societies are of as late a date as it was found practicable to include.

It is gratifying to note that some of the State Societies are making splendid progress, while other State Societies seem to be merely keeping up their organization with little effort to advance the purposes and objects for which the Society was formed. But perhaps the example set by the more active Societies may serve as an inspiration for the less active Societies to emulate.

While this report is being prepared, the Historian General is reminded of the statement made by the Registrar General in his last triennial report wherein he calls attention to a "general slacking of enthusiasm and activity" on the part of some of the State Societies. The Historian General being familiar with the circumstances which led up to and finally resulted in the withdrawing of the charter of the Society in Nebraska, and also the circumstances responsible for the disuniting of the Society in Colorado, and being aware of the dormancy of several other State Societies at the present time, senses in the Registrar General's report a note of warning that should not pass unheeded. The Registrar General's report was taken so seriously at the Ninth General Assembly that under a suspension of the regular order of business, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, The report of the Registrar General indicates a decrease in the growth of the Society, Therefore, Be It

"RESOLVED, That these facts be brought to the attention of the State Societies and that they be urged to extend their membership, particularly by electing sons and grandsons of members who may in most cases be accepted in excess of a limit of membership."

Following the established custom, the reports of each State Society appear according to the order in which the Society was admitted into the General Society.

FRANK HERVEY PETTINGELL,
Historian General.

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From the date of the adjournment of the Eighth General Assembly at Philadelphia, Pa. June 15, 1918, to the date of the adjournment of the Ninth General Assembly at Cincinnati, Ohio, June 4, 1921.

NEW YORK

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New York reported to the Ninth General Assembly that the Society was in a flourishing condition and after rather quiet years because of the World War, was again undertaking to carry out its constitutional purposes as an historical and patriotic organization.

That the Society lost somewhat in membership during the last few years, but had in recent months restored its waiting list. Its membership figures being as follows:

Perpetual	1
Life	191
Regular	889

1081 (See Note *)

From this total can be taken the 13 officers of the Army and Navy in active service; the 56 descendants of living members and the 12 transferees from other State Societies, so that the net membership is an even 1000, which is the limit set by the Constitution. (See Note **) And that the Society reported 24 applicants for membership on its waiting list.

That the Society had published little since the Eighth General Assembly except that in 1918 the address delivered before the Society in 1917, by Professor Wilbur C. Abbott of Yale University, on "Colonel John Scott" was published singly in paper covers. In April, 1921, a register of the war services of the members of the Society was published, termed "War Service Register" which contained the record of the services of 204 members who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps and the rec-

ord of 200 members who served the United States Government in a civilian capacity during the World War. It was published from the income of the Memorial Fund created by the late Clarence Storm, long Secretary General of the General Society. In May, 1921, a Year Book for 1920-1921 was published.

That the Society had on hand a number of unpublished journals of the Louisburg, Havana and Crown Point Expeditions and considerable other important material, which it hoped to publish very soon but that some special arrangements would have to be made by the Society in order to provide for the expense of printing them.

An attempt is being made to build up the library of the Society, about 100 books having recently been added and others are expected.

The Society inaugurated a movement to bring about the co-operation of as many as possible of the patriotic societies in the support of resolutions against the activities of radicals and aliens, and was successful in securing the approval of twenty-two societies to the following resolutions drawn by the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New York, so that the resolutions as distributed to public officials and newspapers throughout the country had the backing of more than 13,000 men and women:

"WHEREAS, unrestricted and ill-supervised immigration has flooded this country with those who not only do not understand and appreciate its ideals, but by training and propensity are opposed to them, and

"WHEREAS, native-born citizens of foreign extraction are too frequently taught to place their parents' native land above this country of their birth, and

"WHEREAS, certain aliens and citizens of foreign or native birth join in hyphenated associations which place the name of the foreign country before that of America and through such associations disseminate propaganda

and conduct activities subversive to law and order which have led to riots and other disturbances and tend to endanger our friendly relations with foreign powers, and

"WHEREAS, it is our belief that national, state and civic authorities have at times not been sufficiently firm in their opposition to and repression of the above mentioned propaganda and activities, and

"WHEREAS, it is the duty of all true citizens of these United States, particularly members of patriotic associations whose ancestors took part in the foundation and maintenance of this country's liberties, to unite to protest against this evil and take steps for its repression :

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the patriotic societies who have affixed their signatures below, representing twenty-two associations, with a total membership of over thirteen thousand, do hereby emphatically protest against the evils and activities above described, and call upon the Federal Government, the governments of the several states and all local authorities to take such action as may be required to repress and abolish them, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, the Governors and the Legislatures of every State and the Mayors and governing bodies of all important cities, requesting their co-operation and assistance in accomplishing these ends."

Aztec Club of 1847

Colonial Dames of America, New York Society

Colonial Dames of the State of New York

Colonial Daughters of the 17th Century

Colonial Order of the Acorn

Daughters of the American Revolution, Mary Washington Colonial Chapter

Daughters of the Cincinnati

Daughters of Holland Dames

Huguenot Society of America

Military Order of Foreign Wars, New York Commandery

Military Order of the Loyal Legion, New York Commandery

Military Society of the War of 1812, Veteran Corps
of Artillery

Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American
War, N. Y. Commandery

New York State Society of the Cincinnati

Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, New
York Society

Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York

Society of American Wars, New York Commandery

Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New York

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New
York

Sons of the American Revolution, Empire State Society

Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York

Sons of the Revolution in the State of California

Assistance was given headquarters of the Second Corps
of the United States Army at Governor's Island in secur-
ing candidates for the officers training camps held during
the summer of 1921, appeals being sent to the members.

Since the Eighth General Assembly the Society has held
the following Courts and Banquets:

1918—December 19th. Twenty-seventh General Court at
Delmonico's. Paper read by Telfair Marriott
Minton, Esq., on "The History and Signifi-
cance of the Flags of the Thirteen Colonies
and the United States."

1919—March 17th. Business Court at Delmonico's.
Paper read by the Hon. Howard Randolph
Bayne on "The Administration of George
Washington."

November 13th. Business Court at Delmonico's.
Addresses on phases of the war by Col.
Thatcher Taylor Payne Luquer; Lieutenant-
Colonel John F. Daniell, and Captain Howland
Pell.

November 18th. Twenty-fourth Annual Banquet
at Delmonico's.

December 19th. Twenty-eighth General Court at Delmonico's, commemorating the anniversary of the Great Swamp Fight which occurred at South Kingstown in the Narragansett Country on December 19th (o. s.) 1675. Address by the Hon. James M. Beck on "The First Battle of the Marne."

1920—March 15th. Business Court at Delmonico's. An address on his war experiences by Major General John F. O'Ryan, Commanding General of the New York Division.

November 11th. Business Court. A *pro forma* meeting at the offices of the Society.

November 16th. Twenty-fifth Annual Banquet at the Plaza Hotel.

December 20th. Twenty-ninth General Court at the Plaza Hotel. An address by Archibald Ewing Stevenson, Esq., on "Freedom of Speech."

1921—March 21st. Business Court at the Plaza Hotel. The Governor General of the General Society of Colonial Wars, Colonel William Whitehead Ladd, distributed the War Service Insignia and civilian Certificates of Merit awarded by the Special Committee of the General Society, to the members of the New York Society for services in the World War.

It was planned that at the future Courts of the Society the subjects of the lectures will more closely relate to the Colonial period as was always the practice before the war.

The Society is in a very prosperous condition financially, having assets in excess of \$51,000.00.

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The headquarters of the Society have been moved from No. 43 Cedar Street to Room 707, No. 40 Rector Street, New York City.

Note *	Membership figures, March 29, 1922:	
	Admitted since organization	2023
	Net membership	1104
Note **	—At the Thirtieth General Court held December 19, 1921, the membership limit was increased to 1100.	

PENNSYLVANIA

The Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania reports that since the Eighth General Assembly held at Philadelphia June 14, 1918, the Society has maintained its full membership, limited under its By-Laws to 200.

Annual Meetings were held on the second Thursday in March of each year and were well attended. At the Annual Meeting held March 11, 1920, in the auditorium of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, the following were among those present:

- William Whitehead Ladd, Governor General.
- E. S. Howard-Martin, Deputy Secretary General.
- William Macpherson Hornor, Treasurer General.
- S. Davis Page, Deputy Governor of the Pennsylvania Society.
- Hon. J. Willis Martin, Chairman, Committee on Annual Meeting.

An address was made by Governor-General William Whitehead Ladd, who presented the War Service Insignia awarded by the Special Committee of the General Society, composed of the Governor General, Treasurer General and Deputy Secretary General, to 36 members of the Pennsylvania Society who served the United States in the military or naval forces during the late war. (The civilian Certificates of Merit not being ready, were later distributed by the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Society to 43 members who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War.)

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Addresses were also made by S. Davis Page and Hon. J. Willis Martin. At the conclusion of the business meeting an address was delivered by Alfred Coxe Prime on "Colonial Doorways, Philadelphia and Vicinity," illustrated with lantern slides, after which supper was served to members and guests.

The Annual River Trips on the Delaware River in June of the past three years were greatly enjoyed by the members and officers of the Society and by such officers of the General Society as attended.

The attention of the Society having been called to the two children of a French officer killed in the early battles of the late war, it was decided at the Annual Meeting in 1918, to assist in their education in order that they might take their proper station in life that they would have attained if their father had lived. The Society has therefore assisted these two children for the past three years.

The Collection of Memoirs of Deceased Members has been practically completed with a view to publishing it at a later date.

The following publications have been issued: In 1920, "List of Officers, Members, Deceased Members, Charter, By-Laws, etc.," and in April, 1921, "The American Birthright," was issued as Volume III, Number 3, of the Society's publications.

Membership figures, March 9, 1922:

Admitted since organization	358
Lost by death	118
Resignation	33
Transferred to other State Societies	8
Dropped	4
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Net membership	195

Five sets of application papers pending.

MARYLAND

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maryland continues to flourish, maintaining a steady growth in membership with no apparent indication of diminishing interest on the part of the members.

A Social Assembly is held each year on St. Cecilia's Day, November 22nd, being the anniversary of the sailing of the "Ark" and the "Dove," from Cowes, Isle of Wight, England, November 22nd, 1633. The Annual Assembly is held regularly each year on Maryland Day, March 25th, commemorating the arrival of the "Ark" and the "Dove," March 25th, 1634, bearing the first Maryland colonists. These Assemblies are always well attended.

On November 22, 1920, His Excellency Governor General William Whitehead Ladd, attended the Social Assembly held at the Maryland Club, Baltimore, and presented War Service Insignia to 31 members of the Maryland Society who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, and civilian Certificates of Merit to 27 members who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War.

Membership figures, April 8, 1922:

Admitted since organization	261
Lost by death, resignation, transfer and dropped	107
Net membership	<hr/> 154

MASSACHUSETTS

The Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ranks second among the State Societies in point of membership. Meetings are held often and are well attended, on which occasions distinguished speakers give lectures or read papers, generally illustrated by lantern slides.

At the meeting of the Society held on the 26th of November, 1918, at three in the afternoon, at Young's Hotel, Boston, the Rev. Thomas Van Ness gave an address on his "Experiences in Salonica, Constantinople and Bulgaria."

The General Court was held on the afternoon of Forefathers' Day, 21st of December, 1918, when the officers for 1919 were elected, and Rev. W. H. Van Allen spoke on "The Inheritance of our Fathers Imperilled."

On the 30th of January, 1919, at Young's Hotel, Boston, at three in the afternoon, Mr. Frank W. Bayley presented by the stereopticon a selection of Copley's portraits, with a sketch of each, illustrating a paper entitled "John Singleton Copley and His Sitters."

The Society observed Washington's Birthday by attending Governor Calvin Coolidge's Reception at the State House. In the afternoon at Young's Hotel, Boston, the Secretary, Mr. Walter Kendall Watkins, presented some seventy-five lantern slides illustrating a talk on "Washington Square and Fort Hill," Boston.

On the afternoon of the 27th of March, 1919, at Young's Hotel, Boston, Major John S. Barrows, aide to Governor Calvin Coolidge, read a paper on the "Rifles in American History."

On the afternoon of the 24th of April, 1919, Mr. C. Park Pressey read a paper on "Historic Homes of New England," illustrated by lantern slides.

On the afternoon of the 29th of May, 1919, at Young's Hotel, Boston, Mr. J. Gardner Bartlett, of London, England, read a paper on the "English Ancestral Homes of the Founders of Cambridge, Mass.," which was illustrated by the stereopticon.

On Decoration Day, 30th of May, 1919, the Secretary of the Society, Mr. Walter Kendall Watkins, attended the dedicatory exercises of the New Hampshire Bay in the Cloister of the Colonies of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, Pa., representing the Massachusetts Society as guest of the donor of the Bay, Mr. Ar-

thur Emmons Pearson, of West Newton, Mass., and a member of the Council of the Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. At the conclusion of Mr. Watkins' address he presented to the Valley Forge Museum of American History, an original Roster of Colonel Edward Wigglesworth's Massachusetts Regiment, dated at Valley Forge in 1778.

On the 13th of October, 1919, in the afternoon, at Young's Hotel, Boston, Mr. Frederick W. Coburn read a "Memorial Sketch of Dr. Moses Greeley Parker," who had bequeathed the Society the annual income on \$5,000.00.

On the afternoon of the 6th of November, 1919, at Young's Hotel, Boston, Mr. James R. Simmons, of Syracuse, N. Y., lectured on "Three Centuries of Historic Trees of Massachusetts," illustrated by lantern slides.

The General Court and Annual Election was held on the 20th of December, 1919, in the afternoon, at Young's Hotel, Boston. Rev. R. Perry Bush spoke on "The Landing at Provincetown in 1620, and its Recognition."

On the 29th of January, 1920, at Young's Hotel, Boston, a paper, by Mr. Augustus Bacon, on "Roxbury, Old and New," in the absence of Mr. Bacon by illness, was read by Mr. C. F. Read and illustrated by lantern slides.

On the afternoon of Washington's Birthday (celebrated the 23rd of February) 1920, at Young's Hotel, Boston, the Secretary of the Society, Mr. Walter Kendall Watkins, gave a history of "Bendall's or Town Cove and Dock," illustrated by lantern slides.

On the afternoon of the 25th of March, 1920, at Young's Hotel, Boston, Mr. J. Gardner Bartlett of London, Eng., read a paper on "Ancestor Hunting in England," illustrated by lantern slides.

On the afternoon of the 29th of April, 1920, at Young's Hotel, Boston, Mr. George Andrews Moriarty gave a "History of the Shirley-Eustis House Estate."

On the afternoon of the 27th of May, 1920, at Young's Hotel, Boston, Major John S. Barrows read a paper, "A New England Romance," a sketch of Sir William Phips.

On the 28th of October, 1920, at Young's Hotel, Boston, the Secretary of the Society, Mr. Walter Kendall Watkins, read a paper illustrated by lantern slides, prepared by Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis on "The Puritan Influence in the Old World."

On the afternoon of the 20th of November, 1920, at Young's Hotel, Boston, Mr. Harry C. Whorf presented one hundred beautifully colored lantern slides illustrating "Cape Cod as the Artists See it."

On the 16th of December, 1920, a delegation of the Society visited Eastham, Mass., and dedicated the memorial granite boulder presented to the town by the Society and placed in front of the Town Hall, commemorating the first encounter with the Indians, 16th December, 1620. On the face of the boulder is a bronze tablet with the following inscription:

One mile west of this site
Hostile Indians had their
FIRST ENCOUNTER
6 December 1620

With Myles Standish, John Carver,
William Bradford, Edward Winslow,
John Tilley, Edward Tilley, John
Howland, Richard Warren, Stephen
Hopkins, Edward Dotey, John Allerton,
Thomas English, Master Mate Clark,
Master Gunner Copin and Three
Sailors of the Mayflower Company.

This tablet is placed in 1920 by the
Society of Colonial Wars in the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On the 21st of December, 1920, the Thirty-fourth meeting of the General Council of the General Society was held in the rooms of the Massachusetts Society of

Colonial Wars, Boston. At 9 A.M., a party including 16 General Officers of the General Society and members of the State Society were guests of the Commonwealth on a trip by special train to Plymouth, Mass., to attend the Tercentenary Exercises, held in the Colonial Theatre, which included an address of welcome by Governor Calvin Coolidge, an oration by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, and an ode by Dean Le Baron Briggs of Harvard University. At the conclusion of the exercises, an elaborate luncheon was served the guests in the State Armory at Plymouth. On their return to Boston a dinner was enjoyed at the Old Volume Club by the General and State Officers.

At 8 o'clock in the evening of the 21st of December, the General Court was held at the headquarters of the Society, 9 Ashburton Place, Boston, at which the annual election took place, and, on which occasion His Excellency Governor General William Whitehead Ladd, presented War Service Insignia to 26 members of the Massachusetts Society who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, and civilian Certificates of Merit to 42 members who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War. Following the ceremony, a hot buffet supper was served.

On the 22nd of January, 1921, at the headquarters of the Society, Professor Warren K. Moorhead of the United States Indian Commission, gave a talk on the "Indians of New England and the Modern Indian," illustrated by lantern slides.

On the afternoon of Washington's Birthday, 1921, at Young's Hotel, Boston, the Secretary, Mr. Walter Kendall Watkins, presented a series of lantern slides illustrating a paper on "Boston Taverns and Stage Houses a Century Ago."

On the 31st of March 1921, at Young's Hotel, Boston, Mr. Charles A. Coolidge of the Metropolitan Park Commission read a paper on "Gravestones in Boston and

Vicinity," illustrated by lantern slides showing their artistic features.

On the afternoon of the 21st of April, 1921, at Young's Hotel, Boston, Mr. Eben Howard Gay gave a "Discussion of Antique Furniture with Extracts from a Chippendale Romance," illustrated by lantern slides.

On the afternoon of the 12th of May, 1921, at Young's Hotel, Boston, Malcolm Storer, M.D., read a paper on "Early Massachusetts Currency," illustrated by lantern slides on many scarce issues.

Membership figures, March 30, 1922:	
Admitted since organization	835
Lost by death, resignation, transfer and dropped	485
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Net membership	350

CONNECTICUT

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Connecticut, besides holding its General Court regularly, has held the average number of Special Courts and Council Meetings for the admission of new members and the transaction of routine business, and has ambitious plans for the future.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Constitution of the Society provides that the General Court shall be held on the first Wednesday in May, in commemoration of the first General Court of the Colony of Connecticut, held at Hartford, on the first day of May, 1637 (o. s.) at which time the Sovereignty of the Colony was first asserted by the formal Declaration of War against the Nation of the Pequots, it is the custom to have the Secretary adjourn the meeting to a date more convenient agreed upon by the Council.

The Twenty-sixth General Court and Dinner was held at the Hartford Club, Hartford, Ct., May 20, 1918, and an address was made by President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University.

The Twenty-seventh General Court and Dinner was held at the New Haven Country Club, Whitneyville, May 14, 1919, and an address was made by Professor Petrunkevitch on "The Russian Situation."

The Twenty-eighth General Court and Dinner was held at the Hartford Golf Club, Hartford, Ct., May 26, 1920, and an address was made by Dr. Edward D. Hume on the "Political Situation in China."

War Service Insignia, the gift of the General Society, were awarded to 27 members of the Connecticut Society who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, and civilian Certificates of Merit were awarded to 32 members who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the late war.

Membership figures, April 5, 1922:		
Admitted since organization		330
Lost by death	118	
Resigned	13	
Transferred to other State Societies	6	
Dropped	7	144
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Net membership		186

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Society of Colonial Wars in the District of Columbia reported that at a meeting of the Society held in the spring of 1917, shortly after the declaration of war by the United States Government against Germany, at which meeting officers of the General Staff of the United States Army were present as guests of honor, it was unanimously decided to hold no meetings of the Society during the continuance of the World War, but instead to contribute to the American soldiers in France the money which would otherwise have been spent on Society meetings. Accord-

ingly, a check for \$500.00 was sent to General Pershing, Commander of the Expeditionary Forces, and was acknowledged by him with thanks.

The Society is in a flourishing condition and while it has lost a number of members by death the past three years and has elected very few new members by reason of suspension of its activities during the World War, it has 125 active members and has pending 10 applications for membership which have passed the preliminary stages and will probably result in the election of all of the applicants and their induction into membership.

After the conclusion of the World War, and in the spring of 1920, a "get-together" meeting was held, at which many of the members of the Society who had seen active service during the war, recounted some of their experiences.

December 7, 1920, the Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Willard Hotel, Washington, and a banquet given in honor of the Governor General of the General Society, Colonel William Whitehead Ladd, who delivered a short address and presented War Service Insignia, awarded by the Special Committee of the General Society, to 37 members who had served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, and civilian Certificates of Merit to 31 members who had served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War.

By arrangement with the Society, Sons of the Revolution in the District of Columbia, a joint church service was held on February 20, 1921, in commemoration of the birth of George Washington, at the historic St. John's Episcopal Church (known as the "Court Church" of Washington by reason of so many Presidents having worshipped there). An eloquent and interesting sermon on religious conditions of Colonial times up to the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, was preached by the

Right Reverend William A. Leonard, Bishop of Ohio and Chaplain-General of the General Society of Colonial Wars, also formerly rector of St. John's Episcopal Church. This sermon has been printed and copies distributed to each member of the Society and to the officers of the General Society and to each State Society of Colonial Wars.

On February 28th, 1921, at a meeting of the Society, Colonel Arthur L. Conger of General Pershing's staff, delivered an address on "American Strategy in France."

On April 21st, 1921, at a meeting of the Society, United States Senator Thomas Sterling of South Dakota, spoke on some interesting events in Colonial history.

Membership figures, March 30, 1922:

Admitted since organization	241
Lost by death	75
Resigned or transferred	41
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Net membership	125

NEW JERSEY

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Jersey is a prosperous, active and steadily growing organization, maintaining headquarters in the famous Old Barracks, erected 1758-9, at Trenton, N. J.

The Society holds its General Courts regularly in May and its Semi-annual Courts in December of each year, which are always well attended.

The Twenty-first Semi-annual Court was held December 7th, 1918, at the University Club, New York City. The speakers were Major Everett Colby and Major La Porte of the French High Commission.

The Twenty-sixth General Court was held Friday, May 9th, 1919, at the Orange Lawn Tennis Court, South Orange, N. J.

The Twenty-second Semi-annual Court was held December 6th, 1919, at the University Club, New York City. Hon. Richard Wayne Parker, member of Congress, spoke on "The Action of the Troops of New Jersey in the Colonial Wars."

The Twenty-seventh General Court was held May 7th, 1920, at the Laurel-in-the-Pines, Lakewood, N. J.

On January 17th, 1920, the Society adopted a resolution to the effect that the sons of members who were in the service of the United States Government during the World War should be elected to membership, remitting the initiation fee and first year's dues. On May 7th, 1920, eighteen such sons of members were elected to membership under this resolution.

On October 9th, 1920, patriotic ceremonies were held at the Montclair Open Air Theatre, Montclair, N. J., for the presentation of War Service Insignia and civilian Certificates of Merit, to members of the New Jersey Society who participated in the World War. Colonel William Whitehead Ladd, Governor General of the General Society, delivered an address and presented War Service Insignia to 37 members, and civilian Certificates of Merit to 39 members. At the conclusion of the program, an informal reception was held giving those present an opportunity to meet the Governor General of the General Society and other distinguished guests.

The Twenty-third Semi-annual Court was held December 4th, 1920, at the University Club, New York City. The speakers were: Professor Paul Van Dyke of Princeton, N. J., and the Honorary Governor General, Captain Howland Pell.

The Twenty-eighth General Court was held on May 6th, 1921, at the Laurel-in-the-Pines, Lakewood, N. J.

The Reverend Peter K. Emmons, of Trenton, N. J., spoke on "The Significance and History of our Colonial and National Flags."

Membership figures, August 7, 1922:

Admitted since organization	268
Lost by death	54
Lost by other causes	37
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Net membership	177

VIRGINIA

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Virginia, one of the five Societies chartered by the General Society of Colonial Wars, November 12, 1894, was never a large organization in point of membership; followed a few years of inactivity and was practically reorganized January 19, 1920. The Society is now holding Courts with commendable frequency, increasing its membership at a surprisingly rapid rate and more interest is now being displayed in the Society than at any previous time in the history of the Society.

At the Annual Dinner, June 11th, 1920, addresses were made by Mr. Galliard Hunt of Washington, D. C., and Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, of Richmond, Virginia.

Membership figures, March 10, 1922:

Admitted since organization	66
Lost by various causes	17
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Net membership	49

NEW HAMPSHIRE

According to its Constitution, the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Hampshire is supposed to hold its General Court on June 17th of each year, in commemoration of the Capture of Louisburg in 1745. Although the Court convenes on this date, it invariably ad-

journals to meet at some later date in the year, not confined to any stated time or place, when it also holds a Field Day.

In the past the Society has erected a number of memorial markers with bronze tablets suitably inscribed, commemorating important events in Colonial times, and has issued several attractive Year Books appropriately illustrated containing historical papers, addresses, sketches of the lives of deceased members, including their portraits; views of monuments and tablets with inscriptions, and other interesting data.

On September 18th, 1918, the Society held its Twenty-fifth General Court (adjourned from June 17th) and Field Day at Dover, N. H., on which occasion the Society participated in the dedication of the memorial to Major Richard Walderne in the presence of a large gathering of members and guests. Major Walderne's grave in the Old Burial Ground on Chapel Street had never been marked, so in 1918 the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Hampshire combined with the Margery Sullivan Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to have a suitable memorial placed in the graveyard to mark the spot where lie the ashes of this distinguished man. An imposing granite boulder was placed at the head of his grave and on it are two bronze tablets. The inscription on the one on the east side reads:

Burial Ground
of
Major Richard Walderne
1609-1689
Massacred by Indians
Pioneer, Patriot, Soldier, Statesman

—
This Memorial Placed
by
Margery Sullivan Chapter, D. A. R.
and
The Society of Colonial Wars in New Hampshire
September, 1918

The inscription on the west side reads :

Richard Walderne
 Born, Alcester, England
 Home at Dover Neck 1636-1655
 At Cochecho Falls 1656-1689.
 Built First Sawmill at the Falls 1642
 Deputy Massachusetts General Court
 Speaker ten years
 Judge of Court of Associates
 Major 1675-1689. Chief Justice 1681
 Died June 28, 1689. Garrison Burned.

Major Richard Walderne (now called Waldron), whose home was located on what is now the center of the present city of Dover, on the north side of the Cochecho River at the first falls, where he had lumber and grain mills, was easily the most distinguished man in the earlier Colonial history of New Hampshire. For many years he was Dover's Deputy to the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony held at Boston, Mass., 1654-1679. He was Speaker 1666-1668 and 1673-1679; member of the Council of New Hampshire 1680-1682; Vice-President 1680; President 1681; Captain of the Yorkshire Militia 1672; Sergeant-Major 1674; Commander-in-Chief of the Expedition against the Penobscot and Kennebec Indians, King Philip's War. He was Commander of the Provincial Forces of New Hampshire 1679-1689. On June 28, 1689, he was killed by the Indians and his garrison burned. The Old Burial Ground in which his remains were interred is near the falls on the east side of Franklin Square; it is the oldest "Community" graveyard in that part of Dover.

The dedication exercises included a brief biographical sketch of Major Walderne by John Scales, Secretary of the Society of Colonial Wars, and an address by the Honorable John Calvin Thorne of Concord, Deputy Governor General of the Society of Colonial Wars for New

Hampshire, on the objects and purposes of the Society of Colonial Wars, and what it has achieved in the quarter century of its existence.

On October 3, 1919, the Twenty-sixth General Court (adjourned from June 17th) was held at Durham, N. H., in the Library of the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. Dinner was served in the College dining hall, after which the members and guests returned to the Library and listened to the post-prandial exercises, consisting of an address of welcome by Ralph D. Hetzel, President of the College; a brief Historical Sketch of Durham and "Oyster River" before it became a town separate from Dover, by John Scales, Secretary of the Society, and a reminiscent talk by Charles H. Pettee, Dean of the College, on the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts from its beginning in 1866 at Hanover, with a farm and one professor, and its removal to Durham in 1893, to the present time, where is now has three score of professors, instructors and assistant instructors, and a student body of 770, of whom two hundred are young women.

On June 22, 1920, the Society held its Twenty-seventh General Court (adjourned from June 17th) and Field Day at Concord, N. H., the State Capital. It was the ninety-fifth anniversary of the visit of Marquis de Lafayette to that town June 22, 1825, on which day an elm tree was planted near the spot where the Marquis sat at dinner, on the lawn in front of the State Capitol. The tables were placed there and the dinner was furnished by the State Legislature then in session. Among the guests were a large number of Revolutionary soldiers who had served under General de Lafayette. This elm is now an immense tree; a beautiful reminder of the event. It has a bronze tablet bolted to its trunk inscribed: "Lafayette Elm."

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Hampshire united with the patriotic societies, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Daughters of the American

Revolution in New Hampshire, in having suitable bronze tablets placed on the northeast cornerstones of the New Hampshire State House at Concord, so the spot will be remembered when the tree may have decayed and disappeared. The tablets bear the following inscriptions:

General Lafayette was welcomed to
New Hampshire in this State House by
Governor Morrill, the General Court, many
Veterans of the Revolution and the Public.
At a Banquet held near this spot Lafayette
Planted a Tree to commemorate his visit.

June 22, 1825.

The second tablet:

The Societies of the Sons and Daughters
of the American Revolution and the Society of
Colonial Wars of the State of New Hampshire
Presented and Dedicated these tablets
On the ninety-fifth Anniversary
of this Historic Occasion

June 22, 1920.

On this occasion addresses were delivered by the Honorable Harry T. Lord of Manchester, President of the New Hampshire Society, Sons of the American Revolution; Honorable Arthur G. Whittemore of the Governor's Council, and Governor of the Society of Colonial Wars; Mrs. Charles W. Barrett of Claremont, State Regent, Daughters of the American Revolution; Wilder D. Quint of the Staff of the Boston Post. The Deputy Governor General, John Calvin Thorne of Concord, represented the Society in the preparation and installation of the tablets and secured a battalion of soldiers from the State Camp Grounds, with drum corps, for the event. The celebration was largely attended and was very enjoyable.

One member of the New Hampshire Society was awarded the War Service Insignia, the gift of the General Society of Colonial Wars to those members of the Society who served the United States in the military or naval forces during the World War; and one member was

awarded the civilian Certificate of Merit, which was awarded to those who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War.

In 1923, New Hampshire will celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of its settlement, and the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Hampshire is invited to participate in the celebration. The settlement of New Hampshire beginning at Dover and Portsmouth in the spring of 1623, was only two and a half years after that at Plymouth, Mass.

Membership figures, April 5, 1922:

Admitted since organization	131
Lost by death, resignation, transfer and dropped	71
Net membership	<hr/> 60

VERMONT

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Vermont, although never a large Society so far as membership is concerned, is a splendid organization, keeping up its activities conscientiously. The Society made steady progress during the last three years in spite of the strain incident to the World War.

The Society holds its General Court on the 22nd of February each year, in commemoration of the anniversary of the first permanent settlement in Vermont at Fort Dummer, February 22, 1724. The site of Fort Dummer was on the west bank of the Connecticut River, near the southern boundary of what is now the town of Brattleboro, Vermont. At the present time the land where the fort stood is flooded as the result of the building of the great dam at Vernon, a few miles down the river. The name, Fort Dummer, was given in honor of William Dummer, the acting Governor of Massachusetts at the time, and the meadows in the vicinity of the fort were known as the Dummer meadows.

At the time of the bond drives during the World War the Society invested its reserve fund in Liberty Bonds.

The usual Year Books containing genealogies, obituary sketches, resolutions, historical addresses and other appropriate material with illustrations, have been regularly issued and sent to each member as well as to the General Officers of the General Society and the Governor and Secretary of each State Society.

The Society has accepted several invitations from the Vermont Society of Sons of the American Revolution, and other patriotic societies, to participate in various affairs and celebrations arranged by them.

At the Twenty-fifth General Court held February 22, 1919, the usual lunch was served at the Society's headquarters. The main address of the afternoon was on "Fort Dummer, the First English Settlement in Vermont," given by Walter H. Crockett, State Secretary of the Vermont Society of Sons of the American Revolution, and the most distinguished historian in Vermont.

On April 9, 1919, W. B. C. Stickney of Rutland, was nominated as Deputy Governor General for Vermont, succeeding General S. P. Jocelyn of Burlington, resigned.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, the Thirty-third Meeting of the General Council of the General Society was held at the headquarters of the Vermont Society, Burlington, Vt. Following the two sessions of the General Council, the members of the General Council and the ladies accompanying them, were the guests of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Vermont on an excursion on Lake Champlain on the steamer "Ticonderoga," going by Valcour Island, Crab Island, to Plattsburg, N. Y., and return. While viewing these historic spots, music and refreshments served on deck added greatly to the pleasure of all. In the evening the party was again entertained at a banquet at the Hotel Vermont, Burlington. Governor Harry S. Howard, of the Vermont Society, acted as toastmaster,

and the following addresses were given: "The Vermont Society" by Deputy Governor General William Brunswick Curry Stickney of Rutland; "Purposes of Our Society" by Governor General William Whitehead Ladd; "Growth of Our Society" by Honorary Governor General Howland Fell; "Is the Patriotic Society Worth While?" by Vice-Governor General John Lenord Merrill; "The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Vermont" by Mrs. J. Holmes Jackson, President; "The Daughters of the American Revolution" by Mrs. H. R. Watkins, State Regent; "The Vermont Society of Colonial Dames" by Mrs. C. S. Caverly, Vice-President; "The Sons of the American Revolution" by Walter H. Crockett, Secretary; "The National Society United States Daughters of 1812" by Mrs. Charles H. Reade, President.

The Twenty-sixth General Court was held at the Hotel Sherwood, Burlington, Vermont, on the evening of February 21, 1920. Following the business meeting dinner was served, the guest of honor being His Excellency Governor General William Whitehead Ladd, who gave an address and presented War Service Insignia to 18 members of the Vermont Society who served the United States in the military or naval forces during the World War; and civilian Certificates of Merit to 24 members who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces. The historical address was on "Thomas Hutchinson, the Last Royal Governor of Massachusetts," given by Rev. I. C. Smart, D.D., of Burlington, Vermont.

At the Twenty-seventh General Court held February 22, 1921, at the Society's headquarters, luncheon was served, followed by the business session. Short addresses befitting the occasion were made by Cornelius A. Barnes, Buel B. Baldwin, Charles E. Beach, Morris H. Cone, Stephen K. Perry and John O. Presbrey. Dr. James H. Worman, the well-known author, lecturer, traveler and diplomat of Westport, N. Y., gave a very inspiring address on "The Battle for Democracy."

Membership figures, February 5, 1922:		
Admitted since organization		154
Lost by death	56	
Resignation	6	
Dropped	1	63
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Net membership		91

ILLINOIS

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Illinois has held its General Courts on December 6th of each year in commemoration of the anniversary of the first encounter with hostile Indians by the Pilgrims at Eastham, Mass., December 6, (o.s.) 1620.

Banquets were held at the Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, on the following dates:

January 15, 1919—Address of Welcome by Mr. Andrew R. Sheriff.

December 6, 1919—Address by Mr. Alfred Gardner, Subject: "After the War."

December 6, 1920—Address by Mr. Horace D. Nugent.

War Service Insignia, the gift of the General Society of Colonial Wars, were awarded to 8 members of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Illinois who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, and civilian Certificates of Merit to 9 members who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War.

Membership figures, April 15, 1922:		
Admitted since organization		281
Lost by death	56	
Resignation	67	
Transferred	10	
Dropped	31	164
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Net membership		117

MISSOURI

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Missouri is an active and conservative organization; is supposed to hold its General Court and Annual Election on the 24th of November of each year, in commemoration of the fall of Fort Duquesne in 1758. Fort Duquesne was located at the junction of the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers, which form the Ohio River, now the site of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Twenty-fifth General Court and Election of Officers was held November 23, 1918, at the Buckingham Hotel, St. Louis. The speakers were Frederick Newton Judson, Governor of the Society, and the Rev. Z. B. T. Phillips, D.D., Rector of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Louis, who delivered an address on "World Problems." The World War moving picture production "The Cross Bearer," a story of Belgium by Anne Maxwell, was shown. At the conclusion of the program a buffet luncheon was served.

The Twenty-sixth General Court was held November 4, 1919, at the Chamber of Commerce, St. Louis, but owing to the difficulty encountered in securing speakers, the Annual Banquet was postponed until February 20, 1920, when it was held at the Washington Hotel, St. Louis, in conjunction with the St. Louis Chapter, Sons of the Revolution, as a Reunion Dinner. The address of the evening was delivered by Governor Henry L. Allen of Kansas on "The New Period of Reconstruction." Addresses were also made by United States Senator Sel den Palmer Spencer, and the Rt. Rev. Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, D.D., LL.D., D.C.D., President Society Sons of the Revolution in the State of Missouri, General Chaplain, General Society Sons of the Revolution, and Chaplain, Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Missouri.

In the evening of June 14, 1920, the Society celebrated Flag Day at the Washington Hotel, St. Louis. Scenarios relating to the Colonial period were shown; the Colonial

flags of the Society were displayed and arranged so that the evolution of the Stars and Stripes was made plain. On this occasion, His Excellency Colonel William Whitehead Ladd, Governor General of the General Society, was the guest of honor and delivered an address and presented War Service Insignia to 10 members of the Missouri Society who served the United States in the military or naval forces during the World War, and civilian Certificates of Merit to 10 members who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War. At the conclusion of the exercises a buffet luncheon was served.

The Twenty-seventh General Court was held November 18, 1920, at the Buckingham Hotel, St. Louis, in commemoration of the ceding of the territory between the Alleghenies and the Mississippi in 1763. (Treaty of Paris, February 18, 1763.) The speakers were His Excellency Heman Judson Pettengill, Governor of the Society, and Mr. Walter H. Saunders, who took for his subject, "The Colonial Days and Americanism." The Colonial period scenario "Evangeline," especially depicting Colonial life, was shown.

Membership figures, May 5, 1922:

Admitted since organization	264	
Lost by death	65	
Resignation	39	
Transferred	16	
Dropped	30	150
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Net membership		114

OHIO

The report of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Ohio indicates much activity and a gradual growth in membership.

The General Court is held on or about the 24th of November of each year, commemorating the evacuation of

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Fort Duquesne in 1758, now Pittsburgh, Pa., at the confluence of the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers at the head of the Ohio River.

The Twenty-fourth General Court of the Society was held on November 22, 1918, and the annual report showed 5 members admitted to membership and 2 members lost by death; and that during the year regular meetings of the Council were held and well attended.

During 1919 regular meetings of the Council were held and well attended. The Society held its summer outing in conjunction with the society Sons of the Revolution, at the Fort Mitchell Country Club, Cincinnati, June 17th, His Excellency, Colonel William Whitehead Ladd, Governor General of the General Society of Colonial Wars, being the guest of honor and addressed the gathering and presented War Service Insignia to 6 members of the Ohio Society of Colonial Wars who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, and civilian Certificates of Merit to 6 members of the Ohio Society who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War. The Society entertained His Excellency during his stay in Cincinnati with luncheons at the Queen City Club and Business Men's Club, and automobile rides about the city.

The Twenty-fifth General Court of the Society was held on November 24, 1919, and the annual report showed 3 were admitted to membership and 3 members lost by death. The speaker of the evening was General Peter Traub, former Commanding General of the 35th Division A. E. F., who gave a most delightful talk on his experiences in Berlin thirteen years ago with special reference to the World War.

The Twenty-sixth General Court of the Society was held November 24, 1920, and the annual report showed 3 were admitted to membership and 3 members lost by death. Since that time invitations have been extended to

various gentlemen to become members, and the outlook for the future expansion of the Society was never so encouraging.

As Cincinnati was chosen for the holding of the Ninth General Assembly of the General Society of Colonial Wars, June 3 and 4, 1921, the Society in the State of Ohio had the distinguished honor of entertaining the general officers and delegates:

On Friday, June 3, 1921, at 12 m. by a luncheon at the Cincinnati Country Club; at 7 p. m. by dinner at the Cincinnati Country Club for the officers and delegates to the General Assembly to meet the members of the Ohio and other State Societies.

At 9 a. m. on Saturday, June 4, 1921, the official party visited the private art gallery of Charles P. Taft, Esq. At 1 p. m. a luncheon was served at the Fort Mitchell Country Club, followed by an automobile ride through the Kentucky Highlands and the residential section of Cincinnati. At 6:15 p. m. a dinner was given at the Club House in the Cincinnati Zoölogical Gardens, to meet the members of the societies, Sons of the Revolution; Daughters of the American Revolution; Colonial Dames and kindred patriotic societies, following which most of the one hundred and thirty-one present attended the Ice Show in the Zoölogical grounds.

The meetings of the Society are semi-social affairs, interspersing business with a spirit of good-fellowship, which seem to result in drawing the members more closely together in terms of genuine friendship. On the whole the Ohio Society is in a wide-awake and prosperous condition.

Membership figures, June 2, 1922:

Members admitted since organization		135
Lost by death	37	
Transferred	8	
Dropped, etc.	14	59
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Net membership		76

MINNESOTA

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Minnesota, formerly one of the most admirably conducted Societies that go to make up the General Society of Colonial Wars, and noted for the splendid Year Books it has issued, has in late years led rather an indifferent existence. An effort is now being made, however, to revive interest in the Society, and correspondence with the present Secretary indicates that the Society may soon regain the position it once occupied among the State Societies.

The By-Laws of the Society provide that it shall hold its General Court on December 19th, the anniversary of the Great Swamp Fight, 1675, but no General Court was held between June 15, 1918, and June 4, 1921.

Membership figures, February 20, 1922:	
Admitted since organization	234
Lost by death, resignation, transfer and dropped	120
Net membership	114

KENTUCKY

Since the Eighth General Assembly of the General Society held at Philadelphia, June 14, 1918, the Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Kentucky has led a rather uneventful existence, which can be largely attributed to the demands that were naturally made upon its members incident to the readjustment period following the signing of the armistice. Courts were held irregularly during the World War, owing to the fact that so many officers and members of the Society were in the military or naval service, or engaged in some other form of war work.

The first General Court after the war convened at the Pendennis Club, Louisville, March 18, 1920, at which an election of officers was held followed by a social hour.

On May 13, 1921, the Governor of the Society, Mr. J. Adger Stewart, entertained the members at his residence in Louisville. On this occasion the Twenty-fifth General Court and Annual Election was held. The Committee previously appointed to select a more satisfactory date for the holding of the General Court, submitted its report and recommended that May 13th, the anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, Virginia, by the London Company in 1607—the first permanent English settlement—be substituted for December 19th, the anniversary of the Great Swamp Fight in 1675. The reasons given for substituting May 13th for the date of holding the General Court, were that it had been found difficult to assemble the members on December 19th, so near the Christmas holidays; and, Kentucky having been originally set off from Virginia and not Rhode Island where the Great Swamp Fight took place, it was deemed more appropriate for the Kentucky Society to commemorate the anniversary of an historical event more closely associated with the early history of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Further, May 13th was the date set for the holding of the General Court when the Society was organized December 23, 1895.

Also at this Court, War Service Insignia, the gift of the General Society of Colonial Wars, were awarded to 17 members of the Kentucky Society who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, and civilian Certificates of Merit to 9 members who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War.

The entire occasion was a very enjoyable affair, a decided spirit of optimism for the Society's future prevailing.

Membership figures, September 21, 1922:	
Admitted since organization	114
Lost by death, transfer, resignation and dropped	55
Net membership	<hr/> 59

CALIFORNIA

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of California is an active, progressive and steadily growing organization, maintaining headquarters in a downtown office building, Los Angeles, where the public is welcome to consult the Society's carefully selected historical and genealogical collection, aggregating some 800 volumes.

The General Court and Annual Election of the Society is held each year in the afternoon of Forefathers' Day, the 21st of December, commemorating the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth, Mass., in 1620. The General Court is always followed in the evening by a formal banquet at one of the leading clubs or hotels.

The Society publishes annually an attractive Roster appropriately illustrated, and an Historian's report of more than passing interest.

On Forefathers' Day, 1918, the General Court was held in the afternoon; in the evening an elaborate banquet, including music by an orchestra, was given at the Hotel Alexandria, Los Angeles, the attendants wearing the livery of the Colonial period. Mr. John Griffin Mott acted as toastmaster, and addresses befitting the occasion were made by the retiring Governor, Bradner Wells Lee, Sr.; Mr. Orra Eugene Monnette, a former Governor of the Society; Mr. Frank Gill Tyrrell, and the Governor-Elect, Mr. Frank Hervey Pettingell. Mr. Tyrrell took for his subject, "Colonial Dames."

The General Court of 1919 was held in the afternoon of December 22, Forefathers' Day coming on Sunday that year. In the evening an elaborate banquet including orchestral music was given at the Hotel Alexandria, Los Angeles, the attendants wearing the livery of the Colonial period. Mr. James Rathwell Page was toastmaster, and addresses befitting the occasion were made by the Governor of the Society; the Rev. Dr. Robert Forrest MacLaren, Chaplain of the California Society; and Mr. Sayre

Macneil, the latter taking for his subject: "By the Sweat of Your Brow Shall You Eat Bread," making some comparisons between the liking for hard work shown by the Colonial pioneers as contrasted with certain features of the easy life of many of the eighteenth and early nineteenth century California pioneers.

On Forefathers' Day, 1920, the General Court was held as usual in the afternoon; followed in the evening by a formal banquet at the California Club, Los Angeles, army and navy members of the Society, whether active or retired, appearing in uniform. Hon. Frank Putnam Flint was toastmaster, and addresses were made by the retiring Governor, Frank Hervey Pettingell, and the Governor Elect, Mr. Nelson Osgood Rhoades. The speaker of the evening, Hon. Benjamin Franklin Bledsoe delivered an eloquent address on the "Pilgrim Fathers and the Constitution."

On this occasion, Mr. Frank Hervey Pettingell, as the personal representative of Governor General William Whitehead Ladd, after conveying the Governor General's profound regrets at his inability to be present, and also conveying the Governor General's congratulations on the recent rapid increase in the membership of the California Society, presented in behalf of the Special Committee of the General Society, War Service Insignia to 32 members of the California Society who served the United States in the military or naval forces during the World War, and civilian Certificates of Merit to 65 members who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War. Mr. Pettingell's description of the Insignia and Certificate of Merit may be of interest:

"The Insignia is of bronze, suspended from the official red and white ribbon of the Society of Colonial Wars. The Indian's head in its center is symbolic of the Society's official insignia; the motto 'Fortiter Pro Patria' encircling the Indian's head, translated means, 'They fought bravely.' That the cross has the *fleur-de-lis* of France



THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS
has awarded these presents to be given to

*a member of the Society in recognition of the faithful loyal and
patriotic service rendered by him to the United States of America
in the World War 1917-1919*



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Society of the General Society of Colonial
Wars is hereby affixed to this certificate of Service in the year
of our Lord 1919 the second year hundred and nineteen and of the
Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty third

Attest
By Secretary General
General Society of Colonial Wars

Wm. L. Ladd
Secretary General
General Society of Colonial Wars

CIVILIAN CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Presented by the General Society of Colonial Wars to those members who served the
United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War.

on its four points is explained by the fact that it is patterned after the cross captured in 1745 at Louisburg, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, and known as the Louisburg Cross. The original of this cross is of iron, hand forged and gilded—the crude work of the town smith, and prior to the capture of Louisburg surmounted the French chapel in that town. The Massachusetts Bay troops took it down and brought it back to Boston as a trophy of the expedition, and at the present time it is the property of Harvard College and for years reposed over the entrance to the library in Gore Hall (demolished in 1913 to provide a site for the building of the Widener Library). In 1912, the Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts presented a tablet on which the cross is mounted. The inscription on the tablet is as follows:

‘This Cross was taken at the
Capture of Louisburg by the
Colonial troops under the command
of
Colonel William Pepperrell, 1745.’

The Cross is now in the Treasure Room of the Widener Library.

“The civilian Certificate of Merit, a beautiful example of the engraver’s art, displays in its border the emblazoned seals of the nine original colonies. In its upper center appears the coat of arms of the United States of America, embossed in colors, as the service for which the Certificate was awarded was rendered the United States Government. The embossed seal in the lower left hand corner is the great seal of the General Society of Colonial Wars.”

Membership figures, October 1, 1922:

Admitted since organization	272
Lost by death	35
Transferred, resigned and dropped	52
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Net membership	185

COLORADO

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Colorado has been allowed to get into a sad plight, no General Court having been held since the Eleventh General Court of April 14, 1907, at the residence of the late Henry LeBreton Wills, Colorado Springs, the then Governor of the Society.

During the summer of 1920, the writer, while in Denver, took it upon himself to inquire into the condition of the Society in Colorado in the hope that he might render assistance in reviving it. It was learned that a large proportion of the members had either passed away or removed from the state; but, that those members still residing in the state displayed a willingness to participate in a reorganization providing some one could be induced to take the initiative. Up to this time no one has seemed disposed to do this.

The official books and records of the Society are stored in the home of the Cactus Club, Denver; no one apparently assuming definite responsibility for them. Fortunately the Society's splendid genealogical and historical collection of some 450 volumes has been saved and deposited intact with the Denver Public Library as a loan, and is, therefore, available for the use of the public.

Up to the time the Colorado Society ceased to function, seventy had been admitted to membership, the last member being admitted February 23, 1907.

When it is taken into consideration how rich Colorado is in eligible material for a Society of Colonial Wars, the situation there is certainly lamentable.

IOWA

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Iowa (chartered by the General Society May 7, 1896) held its last General Court and Election at Des Moines, November 17, 1918, and the last meeting of any kind was held December 29, 1919. This lack of interest is explained by

the fact that so few members resided in any given locality of the state that it was difficult to get them together; and that several of the most active members had passed away and that others had removed from the state; and that the reduced membership had gradually become indifferent and finally lost interest in the Society. However, the Historian General has recently been advised that a determined and systematic effort is being made to reorganize the Society, and that the outlook is so encouraging that he ventures to predict that by the time this report is in the hands of the members, the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Iowa will once again be a wide-awake and going organization.

Admitted to membership since organization 57

Present net membership 21

GEORGIA

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Georgia holds its General Court each year on February 12th, commemorating the landing of General James Edward Oglethorpe and a chartered company of English colonists on the site of Savannah, founding the Province of Georgia, February 1, (o.s.) 1733. (Feb. 12, n. s.)

The Society is steadily growing in point of membership, which is largely due to the efforts of a Committee on Extension.

The Twenty-third General Court and Annual Election, which should have been held February 12, 1919, was postponed to March 26th of that year on account of the influenza epidemic.

The Twenty-fourth General Court and Annual Election was held February 11, 1920, on account of the Georgia Historical Society holding a special anniversary meeting on the 12th, and many members of the Georgia Society of Colonial Wars being also members of the Georgia Historical Society.

On April 20, 1920, a Special Meeting of the Society was held to consider the acceptance, in conjunction with

other patriotic societies, of an old Colonial house, with the idea of removing the house to a specific location and to be occupied jointly by the various organizations interested. But the idea was finally abandoned owing to the fact that the location desired could not be legally acquired. The house in question was, therefore, subsequently demolished and a large theater erected in its place.

The Twenty-fifth General Court and Annual Election of the Society was held February 12, 1921, and while invitations had been extended to all the General Officers of the General Society of Colonial Wars, as well as to the Governors or their representatives, of all the State Societies, it was a source of much disappointment that so few acceptances were received. Major Washington Irving Lincoln Adams, Deputy Governor of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Jersey, was the guest of honor and gave a very interesting address relating to the objects and purposes of the Society of Colonial Wars and called attention to the fact that the anniversary of the landing of Oglethorpe was also the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, whose assassination was the direct cause of much suffering in the South and responsible for carpetbaggism and other infamous devices brought about by unscrupulous politicians. Major Adams' address was heartily received by every one present.

Also on this occasion, War Service Insignia, awarded by the Special Committee of the General Society, were presented to 14 members of the Georgia Society who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, and civilian Certificates of Merit to 25 members who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War.

February 12, 1921, being the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Georgia, and the One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Anniversary of the settlement of the Georgia Colony, the Society had planned to make it an occasion of special

historical significance. But owing to the business depression which came over the country late in 1920, it was decided to postpone the plans already made, the most important of which was to place a sundial in Johnson Square, Savannah, to be an exact reproduction of the one which was placed there by the early Colonial settlers. It is still the intention of the Society to carry out its plans in this connection, and in addition, to mark other historical places of interest, which were conspicuous during the early history of the Colony, and a certain sum of money will be appropriated annually for this purpose.

Johnson Square was named in honor of Robert Johnson (1682-1735), Governor of South Carolina, and the last of the Colonial governors under the regime of the proprietors. He aided Governor Oglethorpe and the first settlers of the Colony of Georgia in many substantial ways and assisted in laying off the plan of the town of Savannah.

Membership figures, January 1, 1922:

Admitted since organization	130	
Lost by death	28	
Resigned	5	
Transferred	1	
Lost by other causes	4	38
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Net membership		92

MICHIGAN

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Michigan reports that for three years subsequent to the Eighth General Assembly held at Philadelphia, June, 1918, the Society, with one exception, has followed its time-honored custom of holding its General Court and Annual Dinner on May 7th of each year, being the anniversary of the date on which Chief Pontiac attempted to surprise Fort Ponchartrain, Detroit, May 7, 1763:

Because of conditions incident to the World War, the General Court and Annual Dinner of 1919 was postponed, and held December 8th of that year at the Detroit

Club. On which occasion, Dr. Henry R. Rose of Newark, N. J., delivered a lecture on "America's Six Wars for Liberty," illustrated with 150 lantern slides.

The General Court of 1920 was held on May 7th and followed by the usual dinner at the Detroit Club, Governor General William Whitehead Ladd being the guest of honor and presented War Service Insignia to 6 members of the Society who served the United States Government in the military or naval forces during the World War, and civilian Certificates of Merit to 12 members who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War. Professor Arthur Lyon Cross, of the University of Michigan, gave an address on "The World Significance of the Colonial Wars of the Eighteenth Century."

The General Court and Annual Dinner of 1921 was held on May 4th at the Detroit Club, the principal feature of the after-dinner program being an address by Dr. Claude H. Van Tyne, of the University of Michigan, on "Cultural Contrasts Between the Colonies and Old England."

Membership figures, March 9, 1922:

Admitted since organization	102
Lost by death	32
Resigned, transferred and dropped	12 44

Net membership 58

By its Constitution, the membership of the Society is limited to 100.

WISCONSIN

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Wisconsin, following a rather inactive period, appears to be awakening to its responsibilities and is displaying more life at the present time than at any previous time in recent years. Courts are being held with more frequency and four new members were recently admitted to membership. This is

encouraging when it is taken into consideration that only sixty-eight have qualified for membership since the Society was chartered by the General Society, May 13, 1897.

On December 23, 1918, the Society united with the Wisconsin Society, Sons of the American Revolution and gave a dinner commemorating Forefathers' Day. On which occasion Dr. Roland G. Usher, Professor of History at Washington University, St. Louis, delivered an address, "America and Great Britain,—Past, Present and Future," the outstanding feature of which was his appeal for "One Country and Language. There must be no other language but English taught in the common schools. There must be no language but English in the common business associations of life. Let us teach all languages in the universities. But let us remember we are Americans. And for Americans no other language than English is possible. The weal or woe of the world depends upon what America does today. The policy which the United States chooses will determine the policies of the nations of Europe. Their eyes are upon us. And their interests, as well as our own, will best be advanced by a firm, friendly co-operation between the United States and those nations."

The Constitutional date for holding the General Court of the Society is December 21, Forefathers' Day.

Membership figures, April 10, 1922:

Admitted since organization	68	
Lost by death	18	
Transferred	2	
Lost by other causes	19	39
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Net membership		29

DELAWARE

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Delaware holds its General Court, Annual Election and Dinner regularly each year on May 5th, the anniversary of the

"Dutch purchase of lands from the Indians at Zwaanendael (now Lewes, Sussex County, Delaware) May 5, 1631, and of the earliest settlement in Delaware." These Courts and Dinners are always well attended.

The Council has now under consideration a list of names for invitation to join the Society in order that the membership limit of 65 may be filled.

Membership figures, May 19, 1922:

Admitted since organization	84
Lost by death	30
Dropped	1
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Net membership	53

RHODE ISLAND

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations holds two General Courts during each year: the first at such time during the months of May, June, July, August or September as may be selected by the Council in its discretion; and the second on the anniversary of the Great Swamp Fight which occurred on December 30 (n.s.), 1675, at South Kingstown in the Narragansett Country, now South Kingston, Washington County, Rhode Island.

The Thirty-seventh General Court was held August 22, 1918, at the Club House of the Squanton Association, East Providence, R. I., followed by a luncheon.

The Thirty-eighth General Court and Twenty-first Annual Election and Dinner was held December 30, 1918, at the Turks Head Club, Providence, R. I. The speakers being John Lenord Merrill, Vice-Governor General of the General Society of Colonial Wars; Hon. William Widgery Thomas, former Ambassador to Sweden; Dr. Ira Nelson Hollis, President Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

The Thirty-ninth General Court was held August 15, 1919 (postponed from August 8th) at the Club House of the Squanton Association, East Providence, R. I., followed by a luncheon.

The Fortieth General Court, Twenty-second Annual Election and Dinner, was held December 30, 1919, at the Turks Head Club, Providence, R. I., the speakers being His Excellency, Colonel William Whitehead Ladd, Governor General of the General Society of Colonial Wars who presented War Service Insignia, the gift of the General Society, to 12 members of the Rhode Island Society who served the United States in the military or naval forces during the World War; Mr. John Lenord Merrill, Vice-Governor General of the General Society; Dr. Howard Duffield, Governor of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New York; Rev. A. B. Cohoe, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Providence, R. I., and Professor William H. Hobbs of the University of Michigan.

The Forty-first General Court was held September 23, 1920, at the Rhode Island Country Club, Nayat, followed by a luncheon.

The Forty-second General Court, Twenty-third Annual Election and Dinner was held December 30, 1920, at the Churchill House, Providence, R. I. The speakers were Rear Admiral William S. Sims, President United States Naval War College, Newport, R. I.; Mr. Lewis K. Liggett, Chairman Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission, and Mr. Worthington C. Ford, Director Massachusetts Historical Society. On this occasion, the Governor of the Society, Mr. Henry Dexter Sharpe, presented each guest with a Pilgrim Half Dollar. This coin was authorized by Act of Congress May 12, 1920, in commemoration of the landing of the Pilgrims, and the issue was limited to 350,000 coins. It was designed by Cyrus E. Dallin and portrays on the obverse the head of a typical Pilgrim, and on the reverse the ship Mayflower under full sail.

Also a publication was distributed entitled, "The Petition of Abigail Lay Relict of John Lay of Lyme to the General Court of Connecticut."

Membership figures, April 11, 1922:

Admitted since organization	223
Lost by death	45
Resignation	14
Transferred	1
Dropped	11
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Net membership	152

WASHINGTON

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Washington, chartered by the General Society November 16, 1898, has been more or less dormant for a number of years; no General or Special Courts of any kind having been held since the Eighth General Assembly, 1918. However, the Secretary of the Society advises that he is making a systematic and determined effort to rehabilitate the Society, and that regardless of a lack of responsiveness, he is not as yet discouraged.

Although the Society has always been small in numbers, its last published report, dated 1908, indicates that its deficiency in that respect is in a way compensated by the national prominence of some of its members.

War Service Insignia, the gift of the General Society, were awarded to two members who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War.

Membership figures, March 25, 1922:

Admitted since organization	19
Lost by death	2
Resigned	1
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Net membership	16

MAINE

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maine, chartered by the General Society November 17, 1898, although limited in numbers, is an active and prosperous organization.

The General Court, at which the Annual Election is held, takes place each year on the anniversary of the capture of Louisburg, June 17, 1745, and is preceded by a dinner at which papers or addresses are given on historical subjects.

A Committee was recently appointed relative to the erection of a memorial to mark the site of Casco Fort near Falmouth, Maine, sometimes referred to in history as New Fort Casco, erected in 1700 and dismantled in 1716 under the direction of Major Samuel Moody of Falmouth and by authority of a resolution passed by the General Court of that year.

War Service Insignia, the gift of the General Society, were awarded to two members of the Maine Society who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, and civilian Certificates of Merit were awarded to two members who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War.

On June 17, 1918, the General Court and Annual Election was held at Portland, but on account of the World War the Society voted to dispense with the annual dinner.

On June 17, 1919, the General Court and Annual Election was held at the Portland Country Club, Falmouth, Maine, near the location of Casco Fort. Deputy Governor Augustus F. Moulton read a paper on the "Colonial Dames."

On June 17, 1920, the General Court and Annual Election was held at the Portland Country Club, Falmouth, Maine. Hon. Isaac W. Dyer read a paper on "John Wise, the American Hampden."

Membership figures, April 12, 1922:

Admitted since organization	92
Lost by death	30
Resignation	6
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Net membership	56

INDIANA

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Indiana, the last State Society to be admitted into the General Society (its charter being dated May 26, 1903), is recovering from a period of quiescence and is now taking on new life with good prospects of again becoming an active organization.

During the World War the Society co-operated with several of the patriotic organizations in Americanization programs: with the Society of Mayflower Descendants, and Colonial Dames in the Indianapolis Centenary celebration, and with the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the celebration of Plymouth Day.

A General Court was held at the Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Saturday, December 20, 1919, (Forefathers' Day, December 21st, coming on Sunday that year). Addresses were given by Mr. Joseph A. Minturn, Governor of the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants, and William O. Bates, of the Indiana Society of Colonial Wars.

The Society participated in a meeting at the Hotel Claypool, Indianapolis, November 20, 1920, in conjunction with the Society of Mayflower Descendants, and the Society of Colonial Dames, commemorating Landing Day. On this occasion brief addresses were made by the Governor, Charles Emmett Coffin, Esq., and the Chaplain, the Rev. Lewis Brown, both commending the plan of holding joint reunions by patriotic societies.

A General Court and Election was held November 21, 1920.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN GENERAL

One member of the Indiana Society was awarded the civilian Certificate of Merit, the gift of the General Society to those members of the Society of Colonial Wars who served the United States Government in other than the armed forces during the World War.

Membership figures, July 24, 1922:

Admitted since organization	43
Lost by death	4
Transferred	2
Lost from other causes	10
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Net membership	27

IDAHO

At a session of the Seventh General Assembly of the General Society of Colonial Wars, held in the Old Barracks, Trenton, New Jersey, June 25, 1915, a resolution was adopted authorizing the establishment of a Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Idaho. Lieutenant-Colonel Marshall William Wood, U. S. A. Retd., Bois , Idaho, who has had the matter in charge, advises the Historian General that a preliminary meeting was recently held at Bois  of the number necessary to effect an organization, and that he is now awaiting the preparation of application papers by those who attended the meeting.

TENNESSEE

Although the Seventh General Assembly granted authority to organize a Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Tennessee, that authority has not been exercised. But owing to the persistent efforts of Professor Arthur Adams, the Registrar General, interest in a Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Tennessee has been revived to such an extent that a request for a charter for Tennessee will be made at the next meeting of the General Council.

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